

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute a serious threat to the future success and well-being of our young people; and

WHEREAS, parental influence is one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers; and

WHEREAS, young people who often eat dinner with their families are 31 percent less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes; and

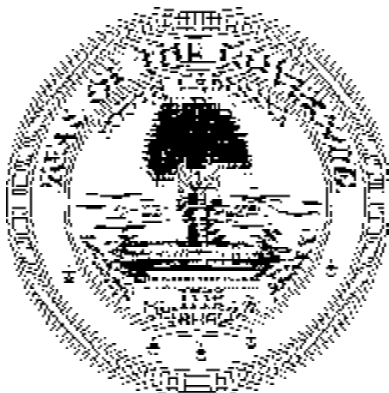
WHEREAS, meal times offer opportunities for families to spend time together, providing a basic structure that strengthens and encourages lasting relationships; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" encourages families throughout the Palmetto State to join one another at the dinner table as a means to strengthening the bonds of kinship for the future of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2003, as

FAMILY DAY A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of strong family interaction on the well-being and future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



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GOVERNOR
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